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In re Patent Application of:

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For: IMAGE CAPTURING APPARATUS AND

AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE CONTROL

CORRECTING METHOD

Examiner: J. M. Villecco

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Official Action mailed January 11, 2006, and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated May 16, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, and 6-9, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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